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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Comments on OCE "Program for Refamiliarization"
(Attached)

1. I have concurred, although reluctantly, in the attached proposal for the following reasons:

a. I recognize that refamiliarization, and more especially familiarization, is a good idea.

b. This has been officially recognized in the case of OCI; I can see no good reason for discriminating against OCE, whose need is at least as real as that of OCI.

2. However, I would continue to recommend that the practice in both the case of OCE and OCI be temporary, that is to say, perhaps only for the forthcoming year. Meanwhile it seems to me that we should as much as possible seek ways to improve area familiarity while carrying out some useful work abroad, such as (a) under the so-called Exchange Training Program which we have with the Foreign Service, or (b) by assignment to strategic divisions.

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